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9. (Twice amended) A runflat tire having an axis of rotation, the tire comprising:
a pair of axially-spaced bead portions; each having a bead core;
a pair of axially-spaced sidewalls;
at least one body ply;
each of the sidewalls including a sidewall insert disposed inwardly of the at least one body ply; the sidewall insert being adapted to support the sidewall in a runflat operating condition;
each of the sidewalls having a radial portion and a cantilever portion, the cantilever portion being cantilevered with respect to the bead core; and
the bead portion including an axially outer end disposed adjacent the radially inner end of the sidewall insert.

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33. (Once amended) The tire of claim 32, wherein the sidewall insert is disposed inwardly of the at least one body ply.

REMARKS

The Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has received the Information Disclosure Statement submitted November 5, 2001. The Applicant is submitting the PCT Search Report showing the category of the foreign language French document for the convenience of the Examiner.

The Applicant acknowledges the indication that claims 13-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. At this time, the Applicant has not elected to rewrite claim 13 in independent form submitting that independent claim 12 is patentable over the art. The Applicant further submits that the specific location of the sidewall insert in claim 17 does not need to be specifically recited in the claim and that the claim is definite in its current form. Claim 17 recites that the sidewall insert is adapted to support the sidewall in a runflat operating condition. The claim further recites that the sidewalls